



December 20, 2010

Minutes of Meeting

Present

Lars A. (Vice President), Pam J. (Secretary), Jane G. (Treasurer), Mark S. (Landmine), Vicki S. (Web), Elli S. (FOW), Carl C. (FOW)

Number present: 7 hearty souls (including one very happy baby!)

Meeting convened at 7:20 PM as all merrily trudged in through the snow!

Minutes are presented in Agenda order.

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Vice President Lars ran the meeting in President Bill Boles' absence. As we all knew each other, we skipped lengthy introductions.

VP Report (Lars)

Lars wished everyone happy holidays! Lars shared an REI Press Release in which the Friends of Wompatuck is named as a grant recipient in 2010. Lars indicated that he would address other issues as presented in the agenda.

Secretary's Report (Pam)

Pam asked the members present if there were any corrections to the minutes from the November 15th. With no corrections offered, a motion was made and seconded to accept the November Secretary's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Pam showed the group a sample of the corporate membership plaque to be given to REI, *bikebarn*, and the Simms Brothers. Pam will incorporate the FOW logo from Lars and will have the plaques at the January meeting. All requested changes were made to the corporate membership letters to accompany the plaques.

Treasurer's Report (Jane)

Jane reported that the final bill of \$550 from Root66 had been received and paid. The current balance in the FOW account is \$18,219.07. A motion was made and seconded to accept the November Treasurer's Report; the vote was unanimous to accept.

Discussion ensued regarding spending funds and planning for Landmine 2011. A few items to note: Mark will be requesting a full set of 1,000 consecutive race numbers from Root66 to be delivered to FOW in April 2011; current plans to spend funds will be addressed later in the meeting including park benches, tools and Doane Street upgrades. Mark suggested that we document non-cash donations to Landmine to provide a full representation of supplies and race needs, such as tents, water bottles, and water jugs. Jane requested that a second person be assigned to help count and reconcile cash from Landmine. Pam agreed to work with Jane for Landmine 2011.

Membership (Sandy absent)

Pam and Sandy reconciled the membership lists between the Google Mail contact list and the membership list Sandy maintains. Pam will work with Sandy to have new member information entered directly into the Google Mail contact list.

We will look forward to Sandy's report in January!

Trails Report (Tyler - absent)

We will look forward to Tyler's report in January. The group discussed the need to spend funds on trail care equipment. At the November meeting, all present agreed that some portion of the funds should be used to purchase tools and supplies for FOW. Items previously identified included: wheelbarrows, "Pulaskis", other trail cutting tools, shovels, rakes, other trail maintenance supplies and sharpening tools. Tyler will be creating a list of items needed. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to make \$500 available for Tyler to purchase tools and supplies.

Carl will look into finding a "branding" tool to mark wooden bridges with FOW identification.

Landmine Classic (Mark)

Mark stated that we will be requesting a full consecutive set of 1,000 race numbers from Root66 to be delivered in April 2011. BART will be doing the timing. Discussion ensued regarding the chalk used for Landmine 2010, which has not yet dissolved. The markings may have to be painted over in the spring, and we will need to use a different brand of chalk for Landmine 2011.

Webpage Report (Vicki)

Vicki has updated the website with the most recent minutes and newsletter. She asked for ideas for Winter Activities to be included in the website. Suggestions such as skiing and ski trail identification, snowmobiling (and trail designations) and animal tracking were made.

How To Spend FOW Money

The group talked about using funds for park benches, bridge repair and maintenance and building a "bog bridge" at Doane Street. Jane indicated that we could spend up to \$10K on park projects, leaving a balance of \$8K to cover cash needs for Landmine 2011. Two types of benches would be appropriate: simple "plank" benches and more traditional benches with backs. The traditional benches would probably best be installed on concrete slabs as opposed to digging holes for footings. Steve G., Park Supervisor, would have access to bench providers and could provide cost estimates for each type of bench to allow us to decide how many of each type of bench and where to place the benches. Carl also said he could get estimates for benches.

Jane suggested that we should consider hiring a contractor to address the Doane Street bog bridge and access needs. With such a large project, and one that requires certain expertise, and with limited volunteer time, it would be appropriate to hire a contractor to complete the work. All agreed this is a great idea. Steve G. would have to direct the project.

Bridge maintenance and repair was discussed. The "netting" that was installed on several bridges has torn due to structural bridge issues. All bridges that were covered need to be evaluated for stability; torn bridge coverings will have to be removed in the spring. Carl offered his time

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to use fence nails to make repairs to the netting that has lifted up. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to provide \$20 for Carl to make the needed repairs to the bridges.

In the spring, the FOW will have to assess all work needed on all bridges. The grant money from REI should be applied to these projects. Bridges need to be made structurally sound and need to be covered with some type of anti-slip material.

Trail Care 2011/Trail Grant Follow Up (Steve C. and Lars)

We will look forward to a more detailed discussion of this topic in January!

Conservation Commission (Brenton – Absent)

We will also look forward to a more detailed discussion of this topic in January!

Officer Nominations

The following slate of officers is presented for consideration prior to the January election. Nominations were made and seconded by the group present; acceptances were either made in person or in abstentia by prior acknowledgement. All motions were voted, seconded and unanimously approved.

President	Bill Boles
Vice President	Lars Ahlzen
Treasurer	Jane Goldberg
Secretary	Pam Johnson
Membership	Sandy Coles
Web Manager	Vicki Schow
VP Trails	Tyler Eusden
Race Director	Mark Schow

Old Business

Dogs on Doane Street

Steve G. will be contacting the Cohasset dog officer and police department to address this growing problem. Carl brought up the “Dooty Calls” offer of service; the group agreed to raise this at the January meeting.

New Business

There was no new business brought before the group.

Next Meeting Date

January 17, 2011 at 7 PM, Wompatuck Visitor Center.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Pam Johnson, FOW Secretary